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1. SUMMARY: XCSS CONFIRMED G-8'S CONSENSUS TO MOVE FORWARD IN CIEC. UNDER SECRETARY-DESIGNATE COOPER OUTLINED CURRENT USG THINKING ON SUBSTANTIVE CIEC ISSUES, ALONG LINES OF MARCH 2 G-8 MEETING BUT IN SOMEWHAT LESS DETAIL. PRESENTATION WAS WELL RECEIVED, BOTH BY OTHER G-8 MEMBERS AND BY MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING IN CIEC. SEE OECD PARIS 6292 FOR DETAILS OF COOPER'S PRESENTATION. MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING IN CIEC GENERALLY LIMITED THEIR REMARKS TO EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE. ALL AGREED COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS AFTER CIEC SHOULD CONTINUE AND RECOGNIZED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER HOW TO PURSUE THIS OBJECTIVE IN LIGHT OF CIEC DEVELOPMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. CANADA (DUPUY) WAS ASKED TO BEGIN DISCUSSION BY REPORTING ON PREVIOUS DAY'S G-8 MEETING. HE NOTED AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED FOR CO-CHAIRMEN (MACEACHEN AND PEREZ-GUERRERO) TO MEET IN CARACAS MARCH 7 TO DISCUSS HOW AND WHEN TO TRY TO RESUME CIEC. DUPUY OUTLINED G-8 CONSENSUS (SEPTTEL) AND REITERATED GENERALLY ACCEPTED CANADIAN VIEW THAT QUOTE SUCCESS UNQUOTE OF CIEC SHOULD BE DEFINED AS AN AGREEMENT BY BOTH SIDES TO ACCEPT SET OF CONCLUSIONS WHICH, BY NECESSITY, WILL FALL FAR SHORT OF DEMANDS MADE BY EXTREMISTS WITHIN G-77. HE SAID CIEC COULD OBTAIN RESULTS WHICH WOULD SIGNAL POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND BUILD BASE FOR A CONTINUING DIALOGUE. AFTER OUTLINING CURRENT USG THINKING ON CIEC ISSUES (WITH CAVEAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT FINAL POSITIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED), COOPER OBSERVED THAT CIEC OUTCOME WOULD DEPEND ON G-19 ATTITUDE. G-8 SHOULD COME UP WITH PROPOSALS SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH SO THAT G-19 CAN CALL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS ON BASIS OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. HOWEVER, THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE A WIDE GAP BETWEEN WHAT G-8 WILL OFFER AND WHAT G-19 HAS DEMANDED. THEREFORE G-19 WILL ALSO BE IN POSITION TO CALL CONFERENCE A FAILURE FOR NOT ACHIEVING MORE. COOPER SAID G-8 SHOULD DISCOURAGE G-19 FROM CONFRONTATION BUT CONSIDER WHAT TO DO IN CASE G-19 CHOOSES THIS PATH.

3. THERE WAS LITTLE NEW OF SUBSTANCE IN OTHER REMARKS MADE AT MEETING. ALL AGREED THAT NECESSARY EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN A POSITIVE CONCLUSION TO CIEC, FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS. FRANCE (FROMENT-MEURICE) DECLARED EMPHATICALLY THAT CIEC QUOTE MUST SUCCEED UNQUOTE BECAUSE IT HAD BECOME SYMBOLIC OF NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND WOULD EFFECT

NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS, FOR GOOD OR FOR BAD FOR YEARS TO
COME. IN HIS SUMMATION, CHAIRMAN JOLLES SAW UNANIMOUS
WILL TO MOVE AHEAD WITH CIEC TOGETHER WITH AWARENESS

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THAT LARGE GAP REMAINS BETWEEN G-8 AND G-19 WHICH CANNOT BE BRIDGED. AS TO WHETHER CONFERENCE WOULD BE JUDGED SUCCESS OR FAILURE, JOLLES DISCERNED A CAUTIOUS NOTE OF OPTIMISM IN THE MEETING BASED, HE THOUGHT, ON BELIEF THAT INTERESTS OF BOTH THE G-8 AND THE G-19 ENCOURAGED RESTRAINT.

4. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ATTITUDE OF NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION EVIDENT FROM CURRENT THINKING OUTLINED BY COOPER. JOLLES ADDED IN HIS SUMMATION THAT U.S. STANCE SHOULD ASSIST G-8 MEMBERS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO AGREE ON A CIEC PACKAGE. THERE WAS WIDE AGREEMENT THAT G-8 MUST BE REALISTIC IN ITS EFFORTS TO ELABORATE A CIEC PACKAGE THAT MADE ECONOMIC SENSE. HOWEVER, DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMAN WELLENSTEIN (EC) REITERATED HIS OWN OPINION THAT DESPITE ECONOMIC REALITIES OF NORTH/SOUTH SITUATION, SOME ISSUES (I.E., DEBT OF POOREST LDC'S AND COMMON FUND) DEMANDED THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BECAUSE OF PROMINENCE THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN BY G-19. THERE WAS RECOGNITION THAT MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN BRINGING G-8 POSITIONS CLOSER TO EACH OTHER, BUT THAT DIFFERENCES REMAINED AMONG G-8 MEMBERS ON VARIOUS ISSUES WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO OVERCOME. G-8 WILL MEET APRIL 6 TO BEGIN PUTTING TOGETHER PACKAGE. THIS PROCESS WILL CONTINUE IN APRIL AND SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BEFORE CONFERENCE IS RE-LAUNCHED LATE THAT MONTH. IN HIS SUMMATION, JOLLES ENUMERATED AREAS HE FELT G-8 WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS: (A) TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND DEBT; (B) RAW MATERIALS; (C) ENERGY; (D) PRIVATE INVESTMENT; AND (E) TRADE.

5. ALL AGREED G-8 SHOULD DISCOURAGE G-19 FROM THINKING THAT SUMMIT IN EARLY MAY COULD BE SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN

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G-8 DELIBERATIONS. A NUMBER OF DELEGATES COMMENTED ON THE NECESSITY OF G-8 CONTACTS WITH G-19 MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN ELEMENTS OF PACKAGE AND LIMITS BEYOND WHICH G-8 CANNOT GO, AND TO PROBE THEIR RESPONSES.

6. POST-MINISTERIAL OUTLOOK WAS NOT GIVEN MUCH ATTEN-

TION. FRG (ROBERT) NOTED THAT MANDATE OF FOUR OECD CIEC BACK-STOPPING GROUPS WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED. JOLLES SAID SECRETARIAT WOULD NO DOUBT KEEP IN MIND MEMBERS' REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN DEVELOPING LONGER-TERM STRATEGY FOR NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS. NOTE WAS MADE OF UNDER SECRETARY-DESIGNATE COOPER'S POINT THAT LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATION WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN CONTEXT OF LONGER-RUN RESOURCE TRANSFERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL ELDIN SUGGESTED MEMBERS CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES FOR PURSUING POST-CIEC DIALOGUE, AND SUGGESTED THEY THINK ABOUT WHETHER SMALLER CIEC-TYPE FORUMS MIGHT BE USEFUL EITHER TO ANALYZE ISSUES, AS WAS DONE DURING FIRST HALF 1976, OR TO CONSIDER ACTION ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. MEMBERS AGREED POST-MINISTERIAL POSSIBILITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE KEPT UNDER CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF CIEC DEVELOPMENTS.

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